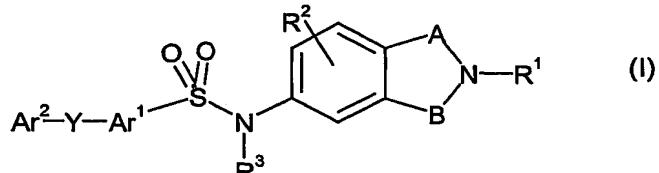


CLAIMS

1. A compound of formula (I):



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wherein

A and B represent the groups $-(CH_2)_m-$ and $-(CH_2)_n-$ respectively;R¹ represents C₁₋₆alkyl;

10 R² represents hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy, -(CH₂)_pC₃₋₆cycloalkyl, -(CH₂)_pOC₃₋₆cycloalkyl, -COC₁₋₆alkyl, -SO₂C₁₋₆alkyl, -SOC₁₋₆alkyl, -S-C₁₋₆alkyl, -CO₂C₁₋₆alkyl, -CO₂NR⁴R⁵, -SO₂NR⁴R⁵, -(CH₂)_pNR⁴R⁵, -(CH₂)_pNR⁴COR⁵, an optionally substituted aryl group, an optionally substituted heteroaryl group or an optionally substituted heterocyclyl group;

15 R³ represents hydrogen or C₁₋₆alkyl;

Ar¹ represents an optionally substituted heteroaryl group;

20 Ar² represents an optionally substituted phenyl or an optionally substituted heteroaryl group;

Y represents a bond, -O-, -C₁₋₆alkyl-, -CR⁸R⁷X-, -XCR⁶R⁷-, -NR⁸CO- or -CONR⁸-;

25 X represents oxygen, sulfur, -SO- or -SO₂-;

R⁴ and R⁵ each independently represent hydrogen or C₁₋₆alkyl or, together with the nitrogen or other atoms to which they are attached, form an azacycloalkyl ring or an oxo-substituted azacycloalkyl ring;R⁶ and R⁷ each independently represent hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl or fluoro;

30 R⁸ represents hydrogen or C₁₋₆alkyl;

m and n independently represent an integer selected from 1 and 2;

p independently represents an integer selected from 0, 1, 2 and 3;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof.

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2. A compound of formula (I) which is

5-(4-Chlorophenyl)-thiophene-2-sulfonic acid (8-methoxy-3-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[d]azepin-7-yl)amide;

5-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-thiophene-2-sulfonic acid (8-methoxy-3-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[d]azepin-7-yl)amide;

5-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-thiophene-2-sulfonic acid (8-methoxy-3-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[d]azepin-7-yl)amide;

5-(3,4-Difluorophenyl)-thiophene-2-sulfonic acid (8-methoxy-3-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[d]azepin-7-yl)amide;

5-(2,4-Difluorophenyl)-thiophene-2-sulfonic acid (8-methoxy-3-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-benzo[*d*]azepin-7-yl)amide;

5-(3-Chlorophenyl)-thiophene-2-sulfonic acid (8-methoxy-3-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-benzo[*d*]azepin-7-yl)amide;

5-(3-Fluorophenyl)-thiophene-2-sulfonic acid (8-methoxy-3-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-benzo[*d*]azepin-7-yl)amide;

5-(4-Trifluoromethylphenyl)-thiophene-2-sulfonic acid (8-methoxy-3-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-benzo[*d*]azepin-7-yl)amide;

5-(3-Trifluoromethylphenyl)-thiophene-2-sulfonic acid (8-methoxy-3-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-benzo[*d*]azepin-7-yl)amide;

5-(4-Fluorophenyl)-thiophene-2-sulfonic acid (8-methoxy-3-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-benzo[*d*]azepin-7-yl)amide;

5-(4-Chlorophenyl)-thiophene-2-sulfonic acid (3-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-benzo[*d*]azepin-7-yl)amide;

5-(4-Chloro-2-methylphenyl)-thiophene-2-sulfonic acid (2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-benzo[*d*]azepin-7-yl)-amide;

5-Isoxazol-3-yl-thiophene-2-sulfonic acid (8-methoxy-3-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-benzo[*d*]azepin-7-yl)-amide;

5-(2-Methylthiazol-5-yl)-thiophene-2-sulfonic acid (8-methoxy-3-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-benzo[*d*]azepin-7-yl)-amide;

[2,3']Bithiophenyl-5-sulfonic acid (2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-benzo[*d*]azepin-7-yl)-amide;

[2,3']Bithiophenyl-5-sulfonic acid (3-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-benzo[*d*]azepin-7-yl)-amide;

5-(4-Chlorophenyl)thiophene-2-sulfonic acid (8-dimethylamino-3-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepin-7-yl)amide;

5-(4-Fluorophenyl)thiophene-2-sulfonic acid (8-dimethylamino-3-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepin-7-yl)amide;

5-(2,4-Difluorophenyl)thiophene-2-sulfonic acid (8-dimethylamino-3-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepin-7-yl)amide; and

5-(3,4-Difluorophenyl)thiophene-2-sulfonic acid (8-dimethylamino-3-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepin-7-yl)amide.

35 3. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2 or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier therefor.

40 4. Use of a compound of formula (I) according to claim 1 or claim 2 or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof in therapy.

45 5. Use of a compound of formula (I) according to claim 1 or claim 2 for the treatment of a condition which requires modulation of a dopamine receptor.

6. Use of a compound of formula (I) according to claim 5 wherein the condition is schizophrenia or substance abuse.

5 7. Use of a compound of formula (I) according to claim 1 or claim 2 in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of a condition which requires modulation of a dopamine receptor.

10 8. Use of a compound of formula (I) according to claim 7 wherein the condition is schizophrenia or substance abuse.

9. A method of treating a condition which requires modulation of dopamine receptors which comprises administering to a mammal in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of formula (I) according to claim 1 or claim 2.

15 10. A method of treating a condition according to claim 9 wherein the condition is schizophrenia or substance abuse.